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FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS/CASE MANAGERS**

**FROM: *Rosemary Malone*
ROSEMARY MALONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT INCREASE

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

On October 1, 2012, the TCA benefit will increase from \$2 to \$8 per month depending on assistance unit size. CARES has processed the change as a mass change for TCA customers effective in their October benefits.

DHR completes a calculation each July to determine whether the TCA and Food Supplement Program (FSP) benefits added together meet or exceed 61% of the Minimum Living Level (MLL, also called the Standard of Need in Maryland). This year the combined benefits do not meet 61% of the MLL and it is necessary to increase the amount of the TCA grant. The change is necessary in TCA because the USDA sets the FSP benefits based on income and household size. States cannot change the amount of FSP benefits they issue.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

Apply the increased payment amounts effective October 1, 2012. Use the new payment amounts for financial eligibility decisions made in September for October grants. This includes interim changes, recertification and recoupment cases.

The attached FIP Schedule and Schedule R show the increase in the TCA grant amounts and in the TCA recoupment amounts. The federal poverty level increased as of April 1, 2012. The FIP schedule has a column for the 50% of poverty needed to determine step parent eligibility.

ACTION DUE:

The new TCA benefit amounts are effective October 1, 2012

INQUIRIES:

Direct TCA policy questions to Mary Ellen Scalley at 410-767-7953 or mscalley@dhr.state.md.us or to Fatmata Khella-Mahoney at 410-767-7956 or fkhella@dhr.state.md.us . Please direct Food Supplement policy inquiries to Rick McClendon at 410-767-7307 or rmcclend@dhr.state.md.us.

Attachment:
FIP Schedule

cc: FIA Management Staff
Constituent Services
DHR Help Desk

FIP SCHEDULE
Effective October 1, 2012

Household Size	Allowable Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Poverty Level	Total Children With One Needy Caretaker
1	\$260	\$465	
2	455	630	1
3	576	795	2
4	697	960	3
5	808	1,125	4
6	888	1,290	5
7	998	1,455	6
8	1099	1,620	7
9	1186	1,785	8
10	1282	1,950	9
11	1399	2,115	10
12	1464	2,260	11
13	1554	2,445	12
14	1645	2,610	13
15	1739	2,775	14
16	1852	2,940	15
17	1955	3,105	16
18	2064	3,270	17
19	2173	3,435	18
20	2282	3,600	19
21	2391	3,765	20

Poverty level changes were effective April 1, 2012.

FIP SCHEDULE R
Effective October 1, 2012

A	B	C	D
Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Col. - B	Available Recoupment 20% of Col- B
1	\$260	\$26	\$52
2	455	45	91
3	576	57	115
4	697	69	139
5	808	80	161
6	888	88	177
7	998	99	199
8	1099	109	219
9	1186	118	237
10	1282	128	256
11	1399	139	279
12	1464	146	292
13	1554	155	310
14	1645	164	329
15	1739	173	347
16	\$1852	\$185	\$370
For each individual over 16 add \$109		If there is no other income and it is an Agency or client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV) the recoupment is \$10 or 10% which ever is higher	If there is no other income and it is a non-fraud or IPV caused overpayment the recoupment is \$20 or 20% whichever is higher